

Messrs Powell and Co. have issued a very

handy desk calendar for the ensuing year.

Tax Local Secretary informs us that Miss S. Mehta, A.A., of Victoria English School, Senior Candidate at the Oxford Local Examinations last July, was placed in the list Distinguished for Religious Knowledge.

The Victoria Dispensary issues a pretty calendar, with a photographic view from the Island. It also contains much postal and other useful information. The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, agents for the Meiji Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., have forwarded the Company's calendar, bearing the well-known view of Fuji Yama.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Football Club was held yesterday at the Victoria Recreation Club. The Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, President of the Club, presided. A number of resolutions connected with the constitution and management of the Club were considered, and ultimately were proposed for adoption by Mr H. W. Slade, seconded by Mr E. F. Mackay, and passed.

Legislation against football, as well as golf, has been tried before now, but without success. Undaunted by past failure, however, some cranks in the State of Virginia have introduced a bill in the Senate to abolish football where an admission fee is charged. If American football is the immensely dangerous game, the journals of the country would have us believe, the game ought to be abolished instantly, but the legislation, if adopted, will have very little effect.

At the Magistrate's today, a Chinese woman, keeper of a cowshed at No. 28 Kennedy Street, was fined \$76 for having sold milk from cows in the shed, which was milked by order of the Sanitary Board in consequence of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. This morning at five o'clock P.M. Hoggarth arrested a man, whom he searched in Kennedy Street, and found four bottles of milk in his possession. The Chinaman had evidently been employed to carry out the milk. The Magistrate, in imposing the fine, said he would continue imposing heavy fines until the practice of evading the law was put a stop to.

The Chinese head-groom employed at Mr Kennedy's stables at Kennedy Road charged Mr Kennedy's European assistant, at the Magistrate's today, with assault. Yesterday the defendant gave complainant orders to have some ponies groomed, and complainant replied that that was not his pigskin, and left the yard. He jumped into a trap, and was preparing to drive off when defendant jumped into it also and defendant slapped him on the face and took him to Mr Kennedy. The Magistrate dismissed the charge.

It is stated that at the wearing-in of naval recruits at Kiel the other day, the Emperor William, in conversation with Admiral Von Knor, Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Navy, and with Prince Henry, made use of the expression, "We must forestall England." This remark was made while the Emperor was enquiring on the situation in China, and dwelling on the fact that the advantage gained by the quick action of the German naval forces in Kiao Chau Bay must be followed by an adequate strengthening of the squadron by all the forces available. The Emperor may have said so, and he may not, but it is more likely he wished to forestall Russia than England, which has exhibited no desire to annex territory in China. As long as public opinion is in a feverish state we are likely to hear absurd stories of the German Emperor.

The annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China was held last night. The Deputy District Grand Master, Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, presiding in the absence of the District Grand Master, Right Wor. Bro. Hon. C. P. Chester, O.M.G. The following officers were appointed and invested.—D.S.G.W., Wor. Bro. G. C. Anderson; D.J.G.W., Wor. Bro. P. B. Simmonds; D.G. Chaplain, Wor. Bro. F. B. Smith; D.G. Treasurer, Wor. Bro. P. H. W. Brewitt; D.G. Registrar, Wor. Bro. G. J. W. King; D.G. President of the Board of General Purposes, Wor. Bro. W. O. H. Hastings; D.G. Secretary, Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gaudin; D.S.G.D., Wor. Bro. D. Macdonald; D.J.G.D., Wor. Bro. G. P. Lammer; D.G. Superintendent of Works, Wor. Bro. G. J. B. Sayer; D.G.D.C., Wor. Bro. F. W. Edwards; D.G. Assit. D.C., Wor. Bro. F. Salinger; D.G. Sword Bearer, Wor. Bro. G. Balloch; D.G. Standard Bearer, Wor. Bro. J. Hutchison and Bro. C. J. Lafrenzy; D.G. Organist, Bro. G. Grimble; D.G. Pursuivant, Wor. Bro. D. Hall; D. Assit. Grand Pursuivant, Wor. Bro. J. G. Gote; Grand Stewards, Bro. C. W. Spriggs, Bro. J. Bremner, Bro. D. E. Brown, Bro. J. H. Pearson, Bro. O. Struckmeyer; and Bro. F. H. Stenson; D.G. Tyler, Wor. Bro. J. R. Grigable. Wor. Bro. R. Mitchell and Wor. Bro. H. E. A. Rolle were elected unofficial members of the Board of General Purposes.

Variety at the docks.—At Kowloon, H.I.G.M.S. Move, Odo, Lyceum, Hermann.

Aberdeen.—(None).

Competition.—West York.

Local Composers. 6 Pieces by George, March 20, 1897. Price, \$1.00.

BECKLESS BICYCLE RIDING.

Yesterday afternoon, between four and five o'clock, five Chinese ladies were returning from a visit to a lady in the Bonham Road, when, near the Netherdale Hospital, a certain Portuguese, who was riding a bicycle, overtook them and deliberately knocked down one of them without the least warning of any kind whatever.

The cowardly and inhuman rider, on picking up himself and his wretched bicycle, bolted as fast as he could, leaving the unfortunate lady on the road in an unconscious condition, without offering the slightest assistance.

It was very fortunate that the accident happened near the Hospital, otherwise serious consequences would have resulted before any assistance could have been got. The rider had not a bell or horn with him, and did not even condescend to shout out a warning. The accident took place on the right side of the road and near the side channel, which shows that the rider had not kept to the right course.

As there were no police near the spot and the sufferer and her companions were all ladies, the cowardly rider managed to get away as easily as he did.

We may add that the lady who was hurt is still in the Hospital, under treatment. This may be interesting news for the bicyclist.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL

TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirteenth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the Company's Registered Offices, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on Friday next at noon:—

To the shareholders of the Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd. Gentlemen.—We beg to lay before you the report and statement of accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1897. The total receipts for the twelve months, including rent and transfer fees, amount to \$47,721.65. After paying interest and all running expenses and making provision for auditors' fees, there remains a net profit on the year's working of \$11,075.07, which, together with \$2,007.58 carried forward from last year, gives a sum of \$13,082.65 available for appropriation. Your General Managers and Consulting Committee recommended that a dividend of 37.50 per share be paid to shareholders, amounting to \$3,750.00, that \$2,000.00 be written off the value of the Company's stations, Crown landholdings, and buildings, and that the balance, \$2,332.65, be carried forward to next account.

Consolidated Committee.—In accordance with Rule 10 of the Company's Articles of Association, the present members, Messrs Ewins and Grange, retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election. Auditors.—Owing to the absence of Mr Fullerton Henderson from the colony the account has been audited by Mr. W. H. Potts, Chartered Accountant, who offers himself for re-election.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1897.

SHOCKING SUICIDE AT

SHANGHAI.

A shocking tragedy was enacted this morning in the Manager's office of the Club Concordia, which has thrown a depressing gloom over the usual Christmas festivities here. A man, who was a member of the club, and a centre of attraction at this season of the year. At fifteen minutes to-day it was noticed by some of the members that the usual menu were not on the tables, and a servant was sent upstairs to see the Manager about the omission. The door of his office was ajar, and on going in inside and suspicious were thereby aroused. Some workmen on the premises were requisitioned to break open the door, when some of the members and Committee-men entering, found Mr. Obello Kluth, the Secretary and Manager, lying dead upon his office floor. Assistance was instantly summoned, and Dr. Macleod was first to arrive; but the unfortunate man was beyond the reach of medical skill, life having been extinct for some time. A bottle of chloroform was found alongside the body, which seemed to be the cause, and it was plain how death had come, namely, by inhalation of its fumes.

The deceased was well known and much respected in Shanghai, but it is feared he had lately got into pecuniary difficulties. He had been the Manager of the Club for some five years, and previous to that was Inspector in the Municipal Police Force. He leaves a widow and several children with whom much sympathy is felt in their sudden desolation at a season when the bulk of mankind puts on a masquerade of garb of festivity and rejoicing.—China Gazette.

Mrs Barnabas Brough, the novelist, mother of the well-known actor, Daniel Brough, died in London on November 24th of her 93rd year. Her husband was a dramatic author and all the members of the family have displayed a marked literary or histrionic aptitude.

The *Aberdeen Journal* contains an analysis of the nationality of the Gordon Highlanders killed and wounded at Dargai. Of the total of 43, 25 are Scotch, 15 English, 2 Irish, while one, Lance-Corporal Freeston, was born in Lucknow. Of the Scotchmen eleven belong to Aberdeen.

The late Bishop of Rochester was once betting in a local cricket match, when he bowled sent a tall very wide of the wicket. "Keep the ball in the parish!" cried the irrepressible bishop. The next ball knocked his lordship's middle stump out, and the good abbot said: "I think that's somewhere about the diocese, my lad!"

'Looks-on' writes in the *Japan Gazette*:—

By the removal of Mr. W. W. Campbell to Hongkong more societies than the Mosquito Yacht Club will suffer a severe loss. A keen sportsman, a genial companion, always bright and cheerful, Mr. Campbell had hosts of friends. And in social circles his accomplished wife will be equally missed. A clever musician and a sweet singer, Mrs. Campbell's place will be difficult to fill.

THE PARTITION OF CHINA.

REPORTED FRENCH ANNEXATION

OF HAINAN.

(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, Dec. 29, 2.55 p.m.

It is reported here that the French admiral, Admiral de la Bédollière, has hoisted the French flag on Hainan Island, and that no opposition was offered by the Chinese mandarins.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to the "China Mail.")

LONDON, 28th December, 1897.

EVACUATION OF KASSALA BY

THE ITALIANS.

Kassala has been handed over to Colonel Parsons, and the Italians have started for Keren.

THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST.

Various rumours are current in London of a rapprochement between Great Britain and Japan, in view of recent events.

FIRE IN CHICAGO.

The Coliseum in Chicago has been burned; nine lives were lost and fifty people injured.

FIRE NEAR LONDON.

At a fire at a cottage in Bethnal Green, a woman and her nine children were burned to death.

GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

It has transpired that Prince Henry handed a long letter from the Emperor William to the Queen at Osborne. Great significance is attached to this.

GERMANY AND RUSSIA.

The Emperor William, in a speech at the frontier fortress of Graudenz, alluded to the Tsar as a dear friend of the same political views as his own.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that the Russians have occupied Kin-chau, north of Port Arthur.

THE GERMAN CHINA SQUADRON.

Prince Henry's Squadron has arrived at Gibraltar. Prince Henry, on landing, was received with a guard of honour from the Grenadier Guards, and dined with the Governor.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 28th at 11.20 a.m. The barometer has risen in the North, fallen in S. China. The highest pressure is over N. China with moderate gradients on the coast, and in the China Sea. Forecast:—fresh N.E. winds; cloudy, some light rain.

OLIVER'S FREEHOLD MINES.

LIMITED.

The General Managers, Messrs J. D. Humphreys and Son, have received the following telegram from Australia:—

"A crushing of 400 tons of quartz from Eureka has yielded 100 ounces to the ton. Shaft has reached a depth of 300 feet."

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Hon. Sir John Carrington, Chief Justice.)

Wednesday, December 29.

D. A. GUBDAY AND OTHERS v. E. R. BELLION.

Mr Pollock addressed the Court, and first of all raised a technical point. The action had not been brought in any form authorised by the law of this Colony. The suit purported to be brought by Messrs Gubday, Raymond and David, on behalf of the Jewish community at the defendant.

Mr Francis said he was entitled to submit that it was altogether too late for his friend to take up such a point. He submitted that it was a matter, if there was anything in it at all, that should have been brought up at the earliest possible stage in the suit.

His Lordship said he did not quite take it so—at least, he would rather hear Mr Pollock.

Mr Pollock said he was clearly right in bringing the point forward at that time, because they could not possibly anticipate until the evidence in the case was concluded, what evidence the plaintiffs were prepared to adduce to show that they had this authority which they claimed to exercise by their pleadings in the case. The only document put forward as giving authority to the plaintiffs was a letter of the 10th June, 1897, appointing the three plaintiffs to act on behalf of the community. He held that that document was signed by less than half of the members of the community, and the action was brought without authority. Mr Pollock quoted a recent case published in the *China Mail* as an authority for his contention that it was necessary if the plaintiffs desired to make up any case at all that they should show that at the date of the commencement of the action they had a right to sue, and it was quite sufficient for them to show, when the case came on for trial, that they were in possession of that right. This document appointing the three plaintiffs was made about fifteen days after the issue of the writ, and this document was, therefore, precisely waste paper, because it was executed only for what was waste. There had been no declaration of suit, hence the Jewish community had continued to act as if they were the community, and the leading members were up to the end of 1896, what would have been the position? Would Mr Bellion have been under any obligation, either legal or equitable, to transfer his property to the community? He would not have been under any obligation, and therefore how could it be said that Mr Bellion was trustee? He had not parted with any interest in the property, but had simply made a conditional offer.

The Court adjourned till to-morrow, Mr Pollock to re-open his argument as to whether or not the Court could grant specific decrees on the petition.

One of 20,000 sharks employed by the United States Government in Washington more than 1,000 are women, with salaries ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 a year.

A CHINESE PLUTO.

The new District Magistrate of the city of T'ung Chou is of a type with which foreigners in China are not very familiar. He has been in several posts of some importance, and has a considerable acquaintance with foreigners, and prides himself upon being quite different from other mandarins, inasmuch as he "never takes bribes." This he tells you himself in a loud and impressive way, in the presence of the public, and, strange to say, the public is inclined to believe that what he says is the truth.

It is reported that on his arrival to take up his post, he remained for several days, on his boat, going out daily in disguise with a trusted attendant, eating in the food shops, drinking in the tea shops, and absorbing information from every source. By this time he was ready to take over the seals of office, he had the names of all the principal ruffians, in a city which is by no means deficient in this class. He summoned them all, and mentioned to each that he had all their histories photographed upon his memory, and that although for the present there was nothing in particular against them, if any charges should at any time be brought before him which involved any of them, it would go hard with them.

One of the earliest cases with which foreigners had any connection, related to a boat-load of school-boys on their way to a mission College in T'ung Chou. Not far from the city, while walking along the river, they had occasion to cross the stream to get to their boat, and paid a somewhat exorbitant fare on a local ferry in doing so. But the ferryman insisted that the cash given was insufficient, and stoutly demanded more. This the boys could not give, but offered to add a little when their boat arrived. The boatman then picked a quarrel with them, alleging that the boys had "stolen his crops," and from high words soon came to blows. In this resulting scuffle, one of the boys was pushed into the water, and ran some risk of being drowned, one was cut on the hand with a sickle, others were bruised, and all were frightened at an event wholly unprecedented.

Making their escape, a party of them reached the College at midnight, roused one of their foreign Professors, who went with them at once to the Yamen. The Magistrate promptly sent a pair of lictors to arrest the ferryman, and early in the morning the case came on. The owner of the ferry turned out to be both a village rich man, and a village bully, a combination not rare in China. He had long been the terror of the surrounding country, as he boasted to the lads:

"Everybody hereabouts knows me, just inquire, and you will learn fast enough. He had no thought of the smallest difficulty in such an overbearing attitude. But the new Official was incensed that anyone should have dared to defy his disposition and his power to repress the evils which had already been specifically forbidden by special proclamations. The lads, on their part, who had never been parties to a law suit in their brief lives, did not know the points at which it is customary to interrupt, by vociferating 'You lie!' and the Magistrate treated them as his ignorant but innocent children, who required considerable coaching. In a very short time his skillful insight into the realities underlying the mesh-work of lies uttered by the ferryman party, made the whole affair quite clear, and the principal man, rich though he was, found himself strapped down to a bench and had his hand beaten to twice its size, besides having his cheeks slapped with a strap for his replies. The Cock-of-the-walk was thus stripped of his feathers, and in deep disgrace. His son, who was equally guilty, was at once sent for and also beaten, and the two were decorated with canes and compelled to go to the College and make profuse k'o-to's by way of apology. But for the intervention of the foreigner, the bully would have been banished for an attack in force with weapons, since he had raised the town against the boys who had escaped with no little difficulty.

By reason of sundry decisions of this sort, this Magistrate, whose name is Yen, has earned the sobriquet of 'Yen Wang Yeh,' the Chinese Plato. A party of chair-bearers for an official, who had brought against a small road-side vendor a false charge of attacking and beating them, backing it up with a forged letter from the T'ao-tai of the circuit, were all well beaten for their pains, to the intense gratification of the people, in whom the theatrical instinct is highly developed. One of the characteristic tales of this official relates to a case where a mother had brought a suit before the former incumbent of the Chou Yamen to have her daughter released from her betrothal to a lad who had become poor.

According to Chinese notions, "One may tear down ten temples, but he must not break up a single marriage engagement." The previous Magistrate seems to have muddled a little with the case, but not so this one. He demanded to know the alleged grounds and had the couple brought before him for his inspection. He must have been pleased with the result, for he informed the mother of the girl that law and reason were both against her, and being an officer not to execute the law he could not possibly take her side. Were they then too poor to pay for the necessary outfit? Well, in that case he himself would loan a hand, and this he proceeded to do in a highly Arabian-Nights style. He immediately adjourned the case to a date in a few months.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

Berlin, November 30.—The last session of the present Reichstag opened in the White Hall of the Royal Castle at noon today. Referring to the murder of the two German missionaries, Nies and Henne, in China, Emperor William remarked: "The murder of missionaries in China and attacks upon Imperial protection and welfare of which I have heard, have compelled me to cause my squadron in Eastern Asia to proceed to Kiao-chau Bay, the point nearest the scene of the outrage and land troops in order to obtain full reparation and security against the recurrence of similar lamentable events." Dwelling on the general political situation with foreign states are in every way gratifying and valuable guarantees of maintenance of these relations are again afforded me by my meetings with the allied and friendly monarchs as well as by the brilliant and cordial receptions accorded me on my visit to Peking and Pootung. In conclusion His Majesty remarked: "All indications justify the expectation that, with God's help, we may in the future as in the past, look for the peaceful development of Europe, and the German Fatherland." After reading this speech, the Emperor adjourned: "Two years ago, from this platform, I swore before you, upon the consecrated colours of my first regiment of the Guards, to preserve the Empire as I took it from my grandfather, and to protect and safeguard its honour abroad. You have thus all before you the solemn duty which I place in the presence of Almighty God, that he will assist you in your work and help me to protect, in the future as in the past, the honour of the Empire abroad, which I have not valued too low to give my only brother in pledge for it."

daughter of the official's wife, and a complete bride-outfit was provided at the Magistrate's expense. Then, to make sure that everything went straight, the wedding was held in the Yamen itself, in the presence of the Chou Lao Yeh and his whole Yamen following, to the immense delight of the public, which probably never saw anything of the kind before, and will never see it again.

One might indulge in a little curiosity as to the probable future of a pair beginning life on these terms, and also as to the form in which the legend will be repeated in the distant generations of the remote posterity, which Fate ought not to be so unkind as to deny.

Although deciding one case in the interest of the foreigners who brought it to his attention, this Magistrate, like others, is by no means anxious to have it thought that he leans to their side. A Chinese who listened to the hearing of a suit brought by a foreigner in Peking for the loss of a large quantity of valuable curios, etc., while in transit through T'ung Chou, reports that the Magistrate argued with the principal offender in this characteristic Chinese style! How did you dare to take all these expensive things? Did you not fear to get into trouble with a foreigner? Do you not know that foreigners are not to be trifled with? Do you not know that they are impetuous and do not talk reason? Do you not know that when a foreigner gets into a quarrel with the Chinese he gets his government to back him up, and that if one Government is not enough they get two, and if two are not enough they get three? Why the Emperor of China himself is in dread of foreigners, and how is it that you, only one person, are so bold and rash? Ta!—Contributed.

EXTRAORDINARY SPEECHES BY

KAISER WILHELM.

ADDRESS TO GERMAN SOLDIERS.

The recruits of the Regiment of Guards stationed in and near Berlin were sworn in on the 18th Nov. in the presence of the Emperor, who addressed them as follows:—

"I greet you today as soldiers of my Army, as Guardians of my Fatherland. In the oath you have taken you have sworn fidelity as Germans before God's Altar, under His free sky. On His crucifix, as good Christians should. Whoever is not a good Christian is not a good man, and he is not a good German soldier, and he can in no circumstances perform the duties required of the Prussian Army. Easy, your duty is not. It demands of you self-discipline and self-denial, the two highest virtues of a Christian. It demands also absolute obedience and subordination to the will of your superiors. But you have examples before you in the history of your Army. Thousands have sworn the oath before you, and kept it, and because they kept it our country has been great and our Army victorious and invincible. Because they kept their oath, our soldiers stand before you wreathed with glory, and covered with tokens of honour, and wherever they appear men uncover their heads, and the regiments present arms. Many of you will certainly be tempted during your term of service, if you are tempted either to violate morality or your duty as soldiers, resist the temptation, mindful of the oath you have sworn, and of the past of your regiments. Resist it out of consideration for the coat you wear, which is your King's. Whoever does anything against his King's coat, exposes himself to the severest punishment. Keep it so that the world and those who do not wear it shall look upon you with respect, and that they may be put to shame by you. My glorious forefathers look down on you from the vault of Heaven. The Statues of the Kings, and, above all, the monument to our Great Emperor, look down on you. When you do your duty, remember the glorious time our country had to go through, and if your work is hard and bitter to you, remember it again. Stand firm with unshakable faith in God, who never forsakes us. Then my Army, and above all my Guards, will always be equal to their task in peace and in war. Your task now is to be faithful, whether the enemy be a foreign one or dwell in our midst—to obey when I command, and never to leave my side."

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Tz'ung-fu seems to be striking here and there in Yokohama with sad results, writes "Looks-on" in the *Japan Gazette*. Only a few days ago the death of Mr. H. E. Adams was reported, and now comes the news of the death of Mr. Arthur. It behooves everybody to be careful as to the water they drink, especially those who are living in houses that are low, and those who are well found, for the germs are supposed to be found more in that than in other waters. What a terrible shock it is to the Chinese that a man of such high rank should die in a few months.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

We learn on good authority that, yielding to pressure brought to bear in Peking and St. Petersburg, the Chinese Grand Council has given a half promise to the Russian Government that all the British employees in the North, including Sir Robert Hart and several members of the L.M. Customs, who are named, Mr. Kinder and many of his railway staff, as well as all the German employees in the military service, including the officers and instructors at Wossung, will be gradually sent away, paid off, or pensioned. The necessary orders about the latter, which is the most pressing point at present, have been already carried out.

BRITISH ACTIVITY IN KOREAN WATERS.

We have reason to believe the formidable squadron under Admiral Buller, has proceeded to "Kowoon," waters with the obvious intention of showing Russia that Britain will not silently consent to the Russification of that country or of Northern China upon which so many people count. We believe that the British Cabinet has at last wakened up to the true import of the Russian intrigues both in China and Korea, and is by no means an assenting party to the proposed dividing line upon which Russia and France counted. It is believed England will resist Mr. MacLaurin Brown's feasible and ignominious division of the spoils of the East. The British Government will oppose any division of China in which British interests, commercial and political, are not fully considered.

The movements of the British fleet are of a very secret character and the greatest precautions are taken to prevent the whereabouts of the fleet becoming known, as well as to prevent its probable course of action.

These movements of the past week have thrown the Russian programme very much out of gear, as we believe it is now recognized in St. Petersburg. General Gurov's long-planned strategy was only designed, and is likely to be replaced by a dangerous, if not an aggressive, activity.

DISMISSAL OF THE GERMAN OFFICERS IN

CHINESE EMPLOY.

We are informed that the whole of the German Officers and Drill instructors at Wossung have been duly notified that their services will be disposed with at China New Year; all pay for their unexpired terms of services will be paid to them by the Chinese Authorities.—China Gazette.

THE ROUND-THE-WORLD

CYCLISTS.

ARRIVAL IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

With machines looking as if they had seen a good deal of service, dressed in very workmanlike suits of brown, spare but healthy-looking Messrs. Fraser, Lunn, and Lowe completed their 524th day of travel leaving London at Jessfield yesterday morning. A too enterprising person had sent out his scouts to intercept them and bring them straight into Shanghai in the morning, and these scouts actually did so, and the three cyclists were taken to the hotel, and Mr. Hogg's house altogether. They had passed Jessfield before they discovered the trick, but it was frustrated in time, and they put back to the house that had been pre-arranged for them to rest in before Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, and in the latter Mr. and Mrs. Hogg entertained them at luncheon. Soon after the three public began to gather in the grounds of Chukwa, and by half-past three there was a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, the majority of whom had come on their bicycles. Ladies and gentlemen were equal to their task in peace and in war. Your task now is to be faithful, whether the enemy be a foreign one or dwell in our midst—to obey when I command, and never to leave my side."

The three cyclists and a tiger were very heartily given and the three travellers bowed their acknowledgments. Then Sir Nicholas proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, with thanks to them for their kindness in throwing open their beautiful grounds, and again three cheers and a tiger were heartily given. Preparations were then made to escort the cyclists to Shanghai, and the procession was quickly formed. The members of the Reception Committee, Messrs. Fraser, Lunn, and Lowe, preceded by a couple of mounted police, led the way. Then came Messrs. Fraser, Lunn, and Lowe, riding abreast, and behind them one hundred and twenty-four Shanghai cyclists, ladies and gentlemen, riding two and two. As the procession passed along the public, Sir Nicholas proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, with thanks to them for their kindness in throwing open their beautiful grounds, and again three cheers and a tiger were heartily given. Preparations were then made to escort the cyclists to Shanghai, and the procession was quickly formed. The members of the Reception Committee, Messrs. Fraser, Lunn, and Lowe, preceded by a couple of mounted police, led the way. Then came Messrs. Fraser, Lunn, and Lowe, riding abreast, and behind them one hundred and twenty-four Shanghai cyclists, ladies and gentlemen, riding two and two. As the procession passed along the public, Sir Nicholas proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, with thanks to them for their kindness in throwing open their beautiful grounds, and again three cheers and a tiger were heartily given. Preparations were then made to escort the cyclists to Shanghai, and the procession was quickly formed. The members of the Reception Committee, Messrs. Fraser, Lunn, and Lowe, preceded by a couple of mounted police, led the way. Then came Messrs. Fraser, Lunn, and Lowe, riding abreast, and behind them one hundred and twenty-four Shanghai cyclists, ladies and gentlemen, riding two and two. As the procession passed along the public, Sir Nicholas proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, with thanks to them for their kindness in throwing open their beautiful grounds, and again three cheers and a tiger were heartily given. Preparations were then made to escort the cyclists to Shanghai, and the procession was quickly formed. The members of the Reception Committee, Messrs. Fraser, Lunn, and Lowe, preceded by a couple of mounted police, led the way. Then came Messrs. Fraser, Lunn, and Lowe, riding abreast, and behind them one hundred and twenty-four Shanghai cyclists, ladies and gentlemen, riding two and two. As the procession passed along the public, Sir Nicholas proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, with thanks to them for their kindness in throwing open their beautiful grounds, and again three cheers and a tiger were heartily given. Preparations were then made to escort the cyclists to Shanghai, and the procession was quickly formed. The members of the Reception Committee, Messrs. Fraser, Lunn, and Lowe, preceded by a couple of mounted police, led the way. Then came Messrs. Fraser, Lunn, and Lowe, riding abreast, and behind them one hundred and twenty-four Shanghai cyclists, ladies and gentlemen, riding two and two. As the procession passed along the public, Sir Nicholas proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, with thanks to them for their kindness in throwing open their beautiful grounds, and again three cheers and a tiger were heartily given. Preparations were then made to escort the cyclists to Shanghai, and the procession was quickly formed. The members of the Reception Committee, Messrs. Fraser, Lunn, and Lowe, preceded by a couple of mounted police, led the way. Then came Messrs. Fraser, Lunn, and Lowe, riding abreast, and behind them one hundred and twenty-four Shanghai cyclists, ladies and gentlemen, riding two and two. As the procession passed along the public, Sir Nicholas proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, with thanks to them for their kindness in

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.....\$7,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPERTIES.....\$10,000,000.

CORPORATE DIRECTORS:—
St. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq., Chairman.
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Shanghai—J. P. WARD, Esq.,
LONDON BANKERS: LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months 2½ per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 3 " " "
" 12 " 4 " " "
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, November 8, 1897. 268

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$234,374.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. GILLIES, Esq., J. T. LAUREN, Esq.,
CHAM KIN SHAN, Esq., CHUNG TUNG SHANG, Esq.,
KUAN HOI CHENG, Esq.,
Chief Manager:—
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.
Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%.
Hongkong, November 30, 1897. 171

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,500,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$1,125,000.
RESERVE FUND.....\$625,000.

BANKERS:—
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2½ per cent. on the Daily Balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 12 months 4%
" 6 " 3½%
" 3 " 3%
J. THURBUIN, Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, December 1, 1897. 2340

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£2,800,000.
RESERVE FUND.....£2,800,000.
RESERVE FUND.....£2,800,000.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2½ per cent. on the Daily Balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4%
" 6 " 3½%
" 3 " 3%
T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager.
Hongkong, June 2, 1897. 216

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST ON deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1613

XMAS SPECIALITIES.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS in Various Designs. CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE CREMES in Fancy Boxes of Various Sizes.

CADBURY'S ASSORTED TOFFIES and BERRIES. FORTUNE'S ASSORTED TOFFIES and BERRIES. FORTUNE'S ASSORTED TOFFIES and BERRIES.

XMAS CARDS. RABBIT AND MINCEPIES. XMAS PLUM PUDDING. Assorted Nuts, &c. 10% reduction for Cash.

H. RUTON, 13, D'Almeida Street, Hongkong.
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GRIMAUD'S SYRUP OF HYPO-PROSPHITE OF LIME.

FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST.

All suffering from Catarrh, Consumption, Obsolete Coughs or Colds and those affected with diseases of the Chest, Lungs and Bronchial Tubes, should take

GRIMAUD'S SYRUP OF HYPO-PROSPHITE OF LIME. Prescribed by the leading medical authorities in all countries for the last twenty-five years with the greatest success, it continues to retain its reputation where all other medicines have failed.

Grimaud's Syrup immediately arrests the Cough, Spitting of blood and Night-sweats, and the Appetite improves rapidly. It is a most powerful and healthy stimulant, and is sold in flat oval bottles. Beware of imitations.

GRIMAUD & Co., Paris. Sold by all Chemists.

For Sale by A. S. WATSON & Co., Chemist.

Shipping.

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.
The Co.'s Steamship *Huamun* will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 30th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2539

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(FLORENCE & RUBATINO UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA; also VENICE, and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN Ports, up to CALAO. Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD; also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.

The Steamship *Letimbo*, Captain Bazzani, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 31st Instant, at Noon. At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2531

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Changsha*, Captain Williams, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 31st Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2537

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Triyuan*, Captain Williams, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 31st Instant, at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engine-room. Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for Return by Steamers of the Eastern and Australian S.S. Co., and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2437

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Myrmidon*, Captain Robinson, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 4th January.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2455

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Port Adelaide*, Captain Williams, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about 15th January, 1898.

S.S. *Argyll*, to sail about 5th Feb., 1898.
S.S. *Chace*, to sail about 20th Feb., 1898.
S.S. *Lennox*, to sail about 10th Mar., 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2540

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

The Co.'s Extra Steamer *Darmstadt* will be despatched as above on or about the 15th of February, 1898.

To be followed by the S.S. *Crefeld*, on or about the 15th March, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
MELOCHERS & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2547

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 A.T. American Ship *New York*, Captain Williams, will be despatched as above on or about the 15th of February, 1898.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, October 28, 1897. 2119

Shipping.

Steamers.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Tara*, Captain L. GOSSELIN, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about TUESDAY, the 4th January, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent,
Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2538

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Yorubana*, Captain Williams, will be despatched as above on or about the 6th January, 1898.

To be followed by the S.S. *Hesselt*, on or about the 31st January, 1898.

S.S. *Lythorn*, on or about 15th February, 1898.

S.S. *Orwell*, on or about 28th Feb., 1898.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2493

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Arradon* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or re-shipment on board after 4 p.m. of the 29th Instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godown of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Wharf.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2535

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER CEYLON.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godown of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From India, ex S.S. *Satiji*, From Madras, ex S.S. *Laudonia*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m. on the 27th Instant.

Goods not cleared by the 1st January, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 27, 1897. 2527

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP MOGUL, FROM OUTLAND, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, December 27, 1897. 2530

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER THAMES.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godown of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, ex S.S. *Himalaya*, From Zanzibar, ex S.S. *Patna*, From Australia, ex S.S. *Victoria*, From Tientsin, ex S.S. *Patna*, From Peking, ex S.S. *Patna*, From Hankow, ex S.S. *Patna*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m. TO-MORROW.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd January, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 27, 1897. 2528

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via S'hai, N'saki), THURSDAY Jan. 6, 1898, at noon.
City of Yokohama (via S'hai, N'saki), TUESDAY, Jan. 25, at noon.
City of Yokohama (via S'hai, N'saki), SATURDAY, Feb. 12, at noon.

THE U.S. MAIL S.S. CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 6th January, 1898, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama, and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Panama, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day preceding sailing. Parcel Postages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Postages should be marked to address in full; value is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to Consignees' Offices in San Francisco, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agents of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, December 16, 1897. 2466

Accidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

FAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu), SATURDAY, Jan. 15, 1898, at daylight.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu), THURSDAY, Feb. 3, 1898, at noon.
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu), THURSDAY, Feb. 23, 1898, at noon.

THE Steamship *Gaelic* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 15th January, 1898, at Daylight.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and value will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agents of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2468

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via S'hai, N'saki), THURSDAY Jan. 6, 1898, at noon.
City of Yokohama (via S'hai, N'saki), TUESDAY, Jan. 25, at noon.
City of Yokohama (via S'hai, N'saki), SATURDAY, Feb. 12, at noon.

THE S. S. CHUSAN, Captain E. STREET, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port BOMBAY, &c., TO-MORROW, the 30th December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

All Cargo for France, and London will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2482

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS; ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Prima Meritima (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu), THURSDAY, Jan. 15, 1898, at daylight.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu), THURSDAY, Feb. 3, 1898, at noon.
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu), THURSDAY, Feb. 23, 1898, at noon.

ON TUESDAY, the 4th day of January, 1898, at 9 a.m. the Company's S.S. *PRINZ HEINRICH*, Captain O. GIEBELS, with MALES, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on SATURDAY, the 1st January. Cargo and Space will be received on board until 5 p.m. on MONDAY, the 3rd January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on MONDAY, the 3rd January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$5.00, and Parcels should exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELOCHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, December 11, 1897. 2492

NOTICE.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSERILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX; ALSO, PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 5th

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALLEN, 11 & 12, Old Bailey.
 Agents for the China Mail, Ltd.,
 11 & 12, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.
 Agents for the China Mail, Ltd.,
 11 & 12, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.
 Agents for the China Mail, Ltd.,
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INSURANCES.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

ESTABLISHED 1797.
 AMOUNT INSURED: £330,000,000
 LOSSES PAID: £12,350,000
 PREMIUMS RECEIVED: £2,870,000

The Agency of the above Society at Hongkong having this day been transferred to us we are prepared to issue Policies at the lowest current rates of Premium.

DAVID SASSOON, SOHNS & CO.
 Hongkong, December 10, 1897. 2413

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Instituted in the reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714).
 CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
 CAPITAL PAID UP, £210,000.
 TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS, £2,900,000.
 TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £850,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents of the above Society at Hongkong, are prepared to issue Policies against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, July 23, 1896. 1547

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1895, £12,433,131.
 Authorized Capital, £3,000,000.
 Subscribed Capital, £2,750,000.
 Paid-up Capital, £2,387,000.
 Fire Funds, £2,011,612.9

HAVING been appointed Agents of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN AND CHINESE RISKS at current rates.

SHAW, TOMES & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, July 23, 1896. 1547

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS—DECEMBER 22, 1897.

Stocks, No. of Shares, Value, Paid-up, Closing Quotations, Open.

BANKS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp., Ltd., 80,000, 120, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Bank of China & Japan, Ltd., 30,000, 60, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Chartered Bank, Ltd., 100,000, 100, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 National Bank of China, Ltd., 100,000, 100, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Canton Insurance Co., Ltd., 100,000, 100, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 China Trade Insurance Co., Ltd., 100,000, 100, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Straits Insurance Co., Ltd., 100,000, 100, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Union Insurance Society, Ltd., 100,000, 100, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd., 100,000, 100, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

FIRE INSURANCES.
 China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 200,000, 100, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 100,000, 100, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 12,500, 12, all 222 % prem. = \$402.50.

STEAMSHIPS.
 China and Manilla S. S. Co., Ltd., 5,000, 5, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 H.K. & M. Steamship Co., Ltd., 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Indo-China S. S. Co., Ltd., 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 China Mutual S. S. Co., Ltd., 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

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 (new issue) 20,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

REFINERIES.
 China Sugar Company, Ltd., 20,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Looan Sugar Company, Ltd., 7,000, 7, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

WAREHOUSES.
 H.K. & W. Warehouse & Storage Co., Ltd., 2,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd., 2,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

LAND AND BUILDING.
 Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Ltd., 50,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., 6,000, 6, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Hongkong Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., 25,400, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 West Point Building Co., Ltd., 12,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

TRAMWAYS.
 H.K. High Level Tramways Co., Ltd., 1,250, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

MINING.
 Jeloba Mining & Trading Co., Ltd., 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 New Paojia Mining Co., Ltd., 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Great Eastern and Caledonian, 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Gold Mining Co., Ltd., 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.
 Societe Francaise des Ombre-nages de la Tonkin, 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

NEW BALANCE GOLD MINE CO., LTD.
 75,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

RAUB AUT. GOLD MINING CO., LTD.
 20,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

OLIVERS FRESHFIELD MINES, LTD.
 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.
 7,500, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

H. G. BROWN & CO., LIMITED, IN LIQ.
 5,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LTD.
 12,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
 30,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

H.K. & CHINA GAS CO., LIMITED.
 7,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.
 30,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.
 20,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

ARMSTRONGS.
 Belle Airborne Eastern Agency, Ltd., 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO., LIMITED.
 1,200, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.
 6,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

HONGKONG BAKERY COMPANY, LTD.
 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

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 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.
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 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

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 10,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

LEUNG-KWONG-MING OILMAN SPINNING AND WEAVING CO., LTD.
 8,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

CHANGHAI & CO., LTD.
 2,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

BOY CHAO OIL SPINNING CO., LTD.
 2,000, 10, all 170 % prem. = \$245.75.

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